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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, BM

SUBJECT: U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BURMA

REFS: A. RANGOON 705, B. STATE 44102

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT WE AND EMBASSY RANGOON CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SAME GENERAL APPROACH TO THE ISSUE OF AID TO BURMA. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION THE EMBASSY RENDERED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL A IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING AND INTENTIONS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO EMBASSY RANGOON'S REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION OF PARAS 2 AND 3 IN REF B, THE DEPARTMENT AND AID CONCLUDED THAT THE HIGHWAY PROJECT DOES NOT DIRECTLY MEET THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE THAT AID PROJECTS BE TARGETTED AT ASSISTING POOR MAJORITY. WITH REGARD TO THE POINT MADE IN 3B OF REF B, THE

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DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT ANY SIGNAL THE GUB MIGHT READ FROM OUR CONTRIBUTION OF THE EXCESS KYAT TO THE PROJECT WOULD PROBABLY BE MARGINAL. NEVERTHELESS, THE BURMESE COULD READ OUR PARTICIPATION IN LARGE SCALE WORLD BANK PROJECT AS "SLIDING INTO" AN AID PROGRAM, AND EXTRAPOLATE THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE

IN AID PROGRAMS IN GENERAL IN BURMA. WE BELIEVE THIS
WOULD BE UNFAIR TO THE GUB, IN THE ABSENCE OF A MORE
DEFINITIVE USG POLICY DECISION.

3. SINCE THE GUB HAS NOT APPROACHED THE EMBASSY DIRECT-
LY, AND FROM THE EMBASSY REPORT THE GUB MAY NOT EVEN BE
AWARE OF MR. KROGH-POLSEN'S APPROACH ON THE SUBJECT,
WE BELIEVE WE ARE DEALING WITH AN ESSENTIALLY HYPOTHETI-
CAL PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY, WE FEEL WE SHOULD NOT AT-
TEMPT TO REACH A FINAL CONCLUSION ON THE MATTER. SHOULD
THE GUB, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, APPROACH THE EMBASSY
WITH A REQUEST OF ITS OWN ON THIS PROJECT, WE WOULD BE
PLEASED TO REVIEW THE ISSUE AND REEXAMINE OUR THINKING
ON THE MATTER.
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